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() We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of the United States Patent Application, listed below, and, insofar as the subject matter of the claims of this application is not disclosed in

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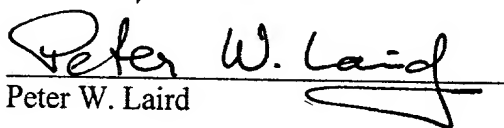
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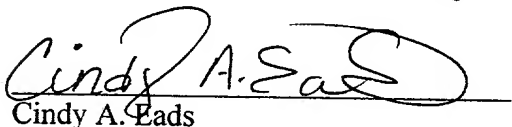
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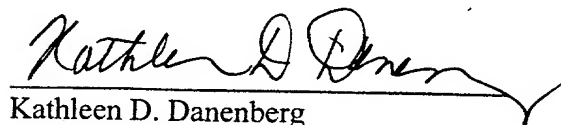
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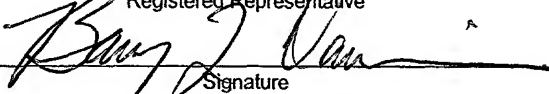
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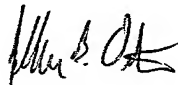
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